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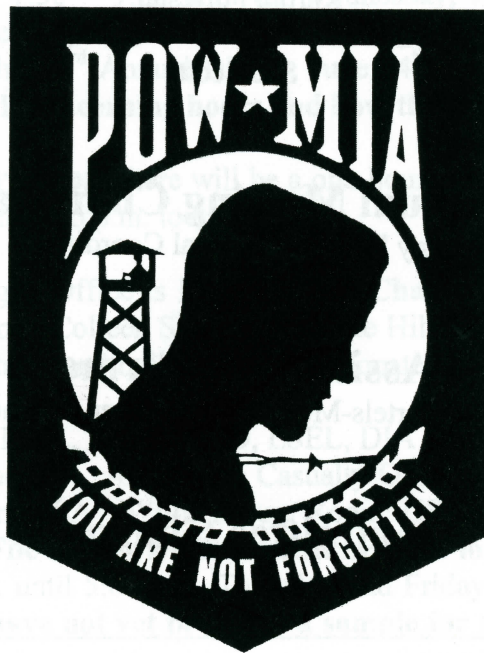
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***National League of Families
of American Prisoners and
Missing in Southeast Asia***



43rd Annual Meeting

***June 13-16, 2012
Hilton Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia***

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Announcements

REGISTRATION: All attendees, except uniformed military officials, must have a visible, color-coded badge on a lanyard for entrance into all League-hosted and Service-hosted events: IVORY – League (voting) family members; BLUE – League associate members; GOLDEN ROD – non-League family members; YELLOW – concerned citizens; GREEN – family members attending only DoD briefings; RED – media; GREY – US officials. All sessions at which US officials make presentations are open to those who have registered for the Annual Meeting. **A Hilton-hosted reception will be held in the Admiralty Ballroom Foyer for those registering from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (or registered earlier) on Wednesday, June 13th.**

ANNUAL MEETING LEAGUE BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique (previously Silent Auction) will be open in the **Board Room, 1st Floor**, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13th, and at posted times on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 14th, 15th, and 16th. A few high-value items will be on display at 6:00 p.m. during the reception prior to the 43rd Annual Dinner, June 14th. **Please check the special page in your registration packets for details concerning hours and how the Boutique benefits the League.**

NEWCOMERS WELCOME & ORIENTATION: There will be a one-hour program in the **Dewey I Room, Plaza Level**, on Wednesday, June 13th, from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

INFORMATION & PRESS: The League Office is located in the **Charleston I Room, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Colleen Shine, or call the Hilton Crystal City 703-418-6800; ask for the League Office. An information table and bulletin board are located nearby.

USG OFFICES: Service Casualty, AFDIL, JPAC, JCSD, LSEL, DIA / Stony Beach and DPMO officials will be present starting on Thursday, June 14th. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st Floor: USN / USMC / Civilian – Monticello Room; USA – Williamsburg Room; USAF – Jamestown Room; DPMO – Mt. Vernon Room. **Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations.** Service Casualty Offices are open for visitors from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, but only until noon on Saturday, June 16th. **Family members who have not yet provided a sample for mtDNA comparison are strongly urged to do so.**

DISPLAYS: JPAC and other displays are located on the Plaza Level, near the entrance for the 43rd Annual Meeting sessions in the Admiralty Ballroom, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 13th.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure member access to the written text of resolutions for consideration during the League Business Session on Saturday, June 16th, at 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Judie Mills Taber by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced at the League Business Session.

TRANSPORTATION: DoD-provided buses will transport attendees to the Air Force Memorial, where the USAF Concert Band and Singing Sergeants will perform, Friday, June 15th. First departure from the Hilton will be at 7:00 p.m. Gather in the Lower Lobby at 6:45 p.m. Buses will return to the Hilton immediately after the concert. Use the Hilton Crystal City Hotel shuttle service to and from Reagan National Airport.

MISCELLANEOUS: **In the event of an emergency, call the hotel operator.** Assistance is available for those needing audio/visual aids, ramps, etc. **Smoking** is permitted only outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel. **Cell phones** must be turned to silent signal or off for all sessions, including the 43rd Annual Dinner.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, June 14, 2012

Admiralty Ballroom

9:00 AM
11:30 AM

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Call to Order

*Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding*

Presentation of Colors

*POW*MIA Elko Awareness Association*

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Phillipe Ritter, MIA Son & Region I Co-Coordinator

Invocation

Ms. Karoni Forrester, MIA Daughter, Board Member & TX State Coordinator

In Memory & Honor

Mrs. Pam Cain, MIA Daughter, Board Member

Chairman's Remarks

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Keynote Speaker:

**MR. JOSEPH YUN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC AFFAIRS**

Some Knowns & Some Unknowns

*Mr. Richard T. Childress
Senior League Policy Advisor &
Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981-1989*

Status of Mil-to-Mil Bilateral Relations: Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia

*Mr. Peter Verga
Chief of Staff to Under Secretary for Policy
Department of Defense*

Worldwide Mission: Balancing Priorities & New Initiatives

*MG W. Montague Winfield, USA (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for
POW/Missing Personnel Affairs & Director, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office*

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster – 2012

MG Winfield with Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM
1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM
2:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION – USG BRIEFINGS

Admiralty Ballroom

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

In-Field Collection for Vietnam War Accounting

Mr. George "Jay" Veith, League Intelligence & Research Advisor, Moderating

Mr. Dustin Roses, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Specialist, Vientiane, Laos

Mr. Mike Najim, DIA Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam

Mr. Pete Loverde, DIA Specialist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. Brad Taylor, DIA Specialist, Bangkok, Thailand

lacked with Mike & Ron Ward

*NO RESTRICTED Secondary Material
85 reports
War Time Magazines
Books Memoirs
Present Day Works*

remains trading

2:00 PM
2:40 PM

US-RUSSIA JOINT COMMISSION ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Looking Ahead – the Challenges

Mr. Norm Kass, League Advisor on Russian & Former Soviet Union Affairs

Former Executive Secretary, USRJC, & Director, JCSD/DPMO

*He feels → Eternal will not
subject to budget restraint
"Kiss the Candor on the cheek"
Syndrome
Empathize w/ people & move on*

2:45 PM
3:15 PM

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

LTG Claude "Mick" Kicklighter, USA (Ret)

Executive Director, Commemorations

Department of Defense

3:15 PM
4:30 PM

THE ROLE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS

LtCol David Gray, USAF (Ret), Vice Chairman of the Board, Presiding

Mr. Ron Miller, League Advisor for Veterans Affairs

The American Legion – Mr. Peter S. Gaytan, Executive Director

Jewish War Veterans – COL Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret), Executive Director

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Mr. Joe Davis, Public Affairs Director

Vietnam Veterans of America – Mr. Rick Weidman, Ex. Director, Policy & Govt. Affairs

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Education Center – Ms. Sharon Deane

5:45 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION

(Special Boutique items will be on display)

Admiralty Ballroom Foyer

6:30 PM

BALLROOM OPENS

(Boutique closes)

Admiralty Ballroom

7:00 PM
9:00 PM

43rd ANNUAL DINNER & CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY*

Admiralty Ballroom

Patriotic Musical Introduction

US Air Force Band Brass Quintet

Welcome

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors & National Anthem

United States Marine Corps Color Guard

Missing Man Honors Ceremony

Mrs. Susie Stephens-Harvey, MIA Sister-in-Law, Board Member

Invocation

Captain Doyle Dunn

Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks:

**HONORABLE MARK LIPPERT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC SECURITY AFFAIRS**

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring America's POW/MIAs

"Amazing Grace"

*Major Erin Karl, USAF
Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*

Roll Call of Names

*Lt Col David Gray, USAF (Ret)
Board Member, Returned POW, Vietnam War*

"You Raise Me Up"

Major Karl

Benediction

Chaplain Dunn

FRIDAY, June 15, 2012

SEC 1509

9:00 AM
11:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION – USG BRIEFINGS

Admiralty Ballroom

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Sustaining the Pace & Scope of Vietnam War Accounting

*MG Stephen Tom, USAR, Commander
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC)
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii*

JPAC's Worldwide Operations – Impact on Vietnam War Accounting

*Ms. Jennifer Nasarenko
Director, Policy and Negotiations (J-5), JPAC*

Increasing JPAC's Capacity

*Mr. Johnie Webb
Deputy to the Commander, JPAC*

Vietnam War Analytic Process and Tasking – Panel

Mr. George "Jay" Veith, League Intelligence & Research Advisor, Moderating

*CDR Lawrence Gonzales, USN, Deputy Director, Intelligence Directorate (J2), JPAC
Mr. Bill Habeeb, Deputy Director, Research Analysis Directorate (RA), DPMO ?
Mr. Bob Maves, Chief, Southeast Asia Branch, Intelligence Directorate (J2), JPAC*

1664 Vietnam

2 BUNDLES OF
DOCUMENTS were
RELEASED

trade off
URT - we trained
Vietnamese to operate
and anthropologist

added Extra
from Permanent
to work with
Ward

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Isolated
Bureaus
BY VIETNAMESE
(450 million
+ Vietnamese)

11:00 AM
12:00 PM

WORKSHOPS

Pursuing Your Case, led by Jo Anne Shirley

Rappahannock Room

Carrying the Message, led by Sue Scott & Susie Stephens-Harvey

Roanoke Room

Oral History & POW/MIA Families, led by Lacy Rourke

Potomac Room

Living with Unresolved Loss, led by Colleen Shine & Pam Cain

James Room

11:00 AM
2:15 PM

LEAGUE BOUTIQUE

Board Room, First Floor

(Will be open throughout the Workshops and Service-hosted Luncheons)

12:00 PM
1:30 PM

SERVICE-HOSTED LUNCHEONS (Invitation Only)

USA

Farragut Room

USN/USMC/CIVILIAN

Decatur Room

USAF

Dewey Room

4 provinces = too many cases in Vietnam
DET DECISION - DPMO "Webb" JAPAC

Need Names
Waiting Members
BURIAL EFFORT

1:40 PM
2:20 PM

REGIONAL GET-TOGETHERS

Region I, *Tom Engkilterra & Barbara Gryzb, Convenors*

James Room

Region II, *Susie Stephens-Harvey & Phillipe Ritter, Convenors*

Roanoke Room

Region III, *Liz Flick & Elaine Palen, Convenors*

Potomac Room

Region IV, *Mark Stephensen, Convenor*

Rappahannock Room

2:30 PM
5:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION – USG BRIEFINGS

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Conducting Field Operations in Vietnam

LTC Patrick Keane, USA, Commander

JPAC Detachment II, Hanoi, Vietnam

Conducting Field Operations in Laos

Mr. Bill Gadoury, Casualty Resolution Specialist

JPAC Detachment III, Vientiane, Laos

Applying Archival Research to Obtaining Answers

Mr. Ron Ward, Casualty Resolution Specialist

JPAC Detachment II, Vietnam

Mr. Gary Sydow, Director

Research & Analysis Directorate (RA), DPMO

Unique Contributions

Mr. John Goines, Chief

USAF Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Applying DNA – Always Necessary?

LTC (P) Louis N. Finelli, MC, USA, Director

Department of Defense DNA Registry, Dover AFB, Delaware

Remains Identifications: Prospects & Precautions

Dr. Tom Holland, Scientific Director

JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii

5:30 PM

DINNER BREAK

6:45 PM

ATTENDEES GATHER IN HILTON LOWER LOBBY

7:00 PM

BUSES DEPART FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

8:00 PM

AIR FORCE CONCERT BAND & SINGING SERGEANTS

USAF Memorial

9:00 PM

BUSES RETURN TO THE HILTON HOTEL

SATURDAY, June 16, 2012

9:00 AM **GENERAL SESSION** Decatur/Farragut Room
12:00 PM

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Question & Answer Panel

DPMO, JPAC, DIA/Stony Beach, LSEL and AFDIL specialists will respond to questions from family members, veterans and others covering all subjects raised in briefings and other presentations.

12:00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**
2:00 PM

2:00 PM **LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION**** Decatur/Farragut Room

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Where the League Stands – Where We're Going

Ms. Lacy Rourke, National Coordinator

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mark Stephensen, MIA Son & Treasurer of the Board

Annual Audit

Ms. Rourke, National Coordinator

Maximizing Use of the League's Website

Ms. Rourke, National Coordinator

Putting a Face with a Name: The Results

Ms. Rourke, National Coordinator

(for Candace Lokey, Chairman, Adoption Program & Photo Project)

Policy Resolutions for Consideration

Mrs. Judie Mills Taber, MIA Sister

4:30 PM **ADJOURNMENT**

5:00 PM **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** Charleston II Room
6:15 PM Plaza Level

7:30 PM **"UNTIL THEY ARE HOME," BINGO & PIE TOSS***** Chesapeake Hall
10:00 PM Lower Lobby Level

With access credentials, all are eligible to attend all sessions. *Ticket(s) must be purchased to attend.

****All are welcome to attend and listen to discussion; however, only League Family Members are**

eligible to vote. * All are welcome at the screening of "Until They Are Home", Bingo & Pie Toss.**

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